

HOUSE BILL 3045
By McDonald

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, relative to limits on charges to
uninsured patients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262(a), is amended by
deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Each healthcare facility licensed under this chapter shall be prohibited from
requiring an uninsured patient to pay for services in an amount that exceeds one
hundred percent (100%) of the average commercial health insurance reimbursement for
the services provided; provided, however, that if the bill for such services remains unpaid
for a period ninety (90) days, then the facility may impose a surcharge that shall not
exceed fifty percent (50%) of such average reimbursement in addition to the amount
permitted by this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.